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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lewis A. Haws : Group Art Unit: 3721  
Serial No.: 10/655,991 : Examiner: Harmon, C.R.  
Filed: September 5, 2003  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING  
RECLOSABLE BAGS HAVING SLIDER-  
ACTUATED STRING ZIPPERS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

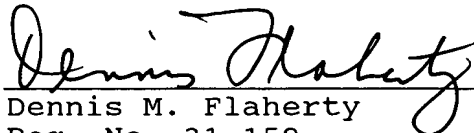
Sir:

In the Office Action dated August 19, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 1-25 (Group I) drawn to a method and apparatus; and claims 26-33 (Group II) drawn to an automated production line.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-25 of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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